

There is a time in the affairs of men, which, taken at its ebb, leads on to fame and fortune," and the modern bard might truthfully add that now is the time to start the foundation of the fortune scheme by examining the rare bargains at the

OLD PIONEER STORE

This advertisement is not for fun, but to impress vividly upon your memory the fact that for the next thirty days we will sell

OVERCOATS BELOW COST MARK!

We are not going to put in a tailoring department, but we have the largest stock of Clothing in the city which we are bound to sell at cost, with freight added. We mean just what we relate, and if you will call we will explain our exact cost mark to you.

DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, NOTIONS, PROVISIONS,

Groceries, Glass and Queensware, Boots and Shoes, Hats and Caps, Etc.

Everything in our large stock goes for the balance of the year. This is our annual clearing sale and those who have the ready cash can save money by laying in a year's supply of groceries, or rigging out the family in clothing, or we can supply you with substantial articles for holiday gifts. Call at the old reliable Pioneer Store for anything and everything in the general merchandise line.

M. DONELAN, Proprietor.

THE THOMAS COUNTY CAT. Official County And City Paper.

W. G. PORTER, Editor.

Kansas raised 1,100,000 bushels of corn this year.

Topeka has offered the Rock Island twenty acres of land adjoining the city for shop purposes.

All the church buildings in Ness, Lane, Scott, Greeley and Hamilton counties belong to the Methodists.

The Topeka Capital hoists the names of Dan Anthony and Ned Dow as candidates on the prohibition ticket in 1888.

South Carolina is the only state in the Union that has no divorce law on its statute books. She does not grant a divorce for any cause whatever.

David Dudley Field, who is preaching a crusade against legal verbosity, says that the people of New York pay annually over \$100,000 for recording surplus values in mortgages.

The Frisco train robbers have all been captured. Withrock, formerly of Leavenworth, figures as "Jin Cummings." They are now in St. Louis. All the money stolen except \$10,000 has been recovered. Withrock says Fotheringham, the express messenger, is innocent.

Judge Given, circuit judge at Des Moines, Iowa, recently held that the big International distillery has a right to manufacture for export, for culinary, medicinal and mechanical purposes, and that it has a right to export liquor to use as a beverage. This is great inconsistency of Iowa's prohibition.

If reports be true, Mr. Cleveland will be a sure enough father very soon.—[Sol. Miller.]

Yes, and if Maria Holpin is to be believed, Mr. Cleveland showed considerable "pernicious activity" in that line about ten years ago.—[Leavenworth Times.]

It is simply a revival of the innocuous desuetude of the Buffalo Bull upon an inoffensive partisan of mugwumpian proclivities.

Wichita is at last organized. On Friday last Gov. Martin issued a proclamation organizing Greeley county. Leoti was designated as the temporary county seat. S. W. McCall, R. E. Jenness, and W. I. Brainard were appointed as county commissioners, and L. G. Moore as county clerk. They are all Leoti men.

A mass meeting was held last week at Leoti, Kans., and passed resolutions to the effect that every step should be taken to have the legislature re-establish the lines of the following counties: Arapahoe, Buffalo, Fetter, Grant, Hamilton, Kearney, Sequoyah, and Stanton as they existed prior to the change made by the legislature of 1881.

The railroad assessors of Iowa have been in the habit of assessing the Pullman cars used on the railroads in that state, and the Pullman company is resisting payment of taxes, just as they are in Kansas.

Secretary of State Allen says that nearly 200 railroads have been chartered in Kansas during this year. This is more than twice the number chartered in any other state.

Delegate Voorhees of Washington Territory, condemns the course of his party towards the territories. He says that if the republicans had a majority of 100,000 in his territory he would favor its admission to the union.

Kansas is entitled to the distinction of being called the great railroad state of the west. So far this year there have been constructed in her territory nearly 1,000 miles of new railroad. It is needless to state that this phenomenal activity is unequalled by any other state in the Union.—[Kansas City Times.]

Judge L. C. Parker, of the Fort Smith, Arkansas, district of the United States Court, has sentenced so many persons to be hanged that sentencing a man has become necessary to him as an appetizer before meals. It is related that recently a gentleman called to see him on business, and the marshal kindly offered to conduct him to the judge. Approaching him as he sat in the court room, the marshal said: "Judge, I have brought a gentleman up who—" Without looking up the judge interrupted with: "I sentence him to be hanged next Friday, and may God have mercy on his soul!"—[Troy Chief.]

Mrs. Custer is writing another book to be published next summer. "It will be entirely about General Custer," she says, "and his camp life, and will be purely descriptive. It will cover a period of nine years, and will include our life in Texas in 1866 and 1867, and our five years in Kansas, from 1867 to 1871."—[Atchison Champion.]

N. W. Ayer & Son's American newspaper annual for 1886, reached us the other day. It is an admirable work and worthy of the remarkable patronage it receives. It contains a carefully prepared list of all newspapers and periodicals in the United States and Canada, arranged by states in geographical sections, and by towns in alphabetical order, giving the name of the papers, the issue, general characteristics, year of establishment, size, circulation, and advertising rates for ten lines one month. It has many other features invaluable and for the most part exact, yet it is seriously lame on Thomas county. We would say for their edification that Thomas county is an organized county of over 4,000 people. Colby, county seat, is a town of nearly 200, and a city of the third class. The Thomas county CAT is the official county and city paper,

and has a circulation of 1300. We recommend the book, but hope it will be more exact with Thomas county next time, and the CAT also.

GEORGETOWN.

DEAR PERRY—I will correspond a few lines to add to your tale and fill a small space on your smooth white side, but I want no scolding done. As I am a new comer at Georgetown, and a resident of doubtful Thomas, productive Kansas, so I will address you as follows:

Our lyceum is dead. Our Sunday School has also died, but our prayer meeting is not quite dead yet, and my prayer is that both will re-kindle the little spark of Christianity and keep it a burning in every good and true believer's heart and save the people of Georgetown.

Our county surveyor is now satisfying our people by chaining off their land. He has a tolerable straight eye for that business and also understands his four dollars a day.

We have had fine weather here for some time and the people of Georgetown are in their shoes and boots yet but some of them will have to have a new pair if old trust is not dead.

Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Corder went out the other day and took them in a little game in the shape of an antelope.

Mr. Blodgett has moved on and gone to Nebraska, hoping to return in the spring and farm his household.

Our little superintendents are resting up for the spring and perhaps it would be a good idea for them to get posted a little also.

Georgetown has a few smart men and Mr. Colby if you have any offices to fill between this and the next centennial, just give Georgetown a call. I think it might be we could accommodate you.

School Land Sale.

County Treasurer's Office,
Colby, Kan., Dec. 8, 1886.

I will offer for sale at my office, on
SATURDAY, JAN. 8th, 1887,

between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 3 o'clock p. m., the following described school land situated in

THOMAS COUNTY, KANSAS:

DESCRIPTION	Section	Block	Approximate Value	Improvements
ne 1/4 of ne 1/4 sec 22	8	22	\$150.00	70.00
sw 1/4 of ne 1/4 sec 22	8	22	100.00	50.00
ne 1/4 of sw 1/4 sec 22	8	22	100.00	50.00
sw 1/4 of sw 1/4 sec 22	8	22	100.00	50.00

One-tenth the purchase price must be cash in hand and the balance secured by a bond approved by the county clerk. Bidders are required to make a cash deposit as an evidence of good faith. Given under my hand this 8th day of December, 1886.

HAS. M. HOVEY.

Treasurer of Thomas County.

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A. R. FORTY

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JOE LAMONT, Tonsorial Artist.

I have just fitted up my barber shop in the most elegant style and can give you the best shave or haircut in the city.

FRANK PINGREE, Notary Public, Colby, Kans.
FRANK PINGREE
Real Estate & Insurance Agent

We have choice farms and wild lands in Nebraska, also school and donated lands in Thomas county, Kansas. Locating done in Thomas and Sheridan counties promptly and accurately.

J. J. SEARS & SONS, Real Estate Agents,

OAKLEY, ST. JOHN CO.
St. John county, E. P. R. R., where all trains stop. We are doing a general land business. Locating in Thomas and St. John counties made a specialty. All kinds of land business promptly attended.

C. N. COFFRIN, Jeweler Watchmaker



Repairing promptly and neatly done. All work warranted. At Walker & Young's Drug Store, Colby, Kansas.

(Conv.) Chicago, April 21st, 1886.
This is to certify, that the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank has this day received from the Union Cigar Company of Chicago, to be held as a Special Deposit.

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25 N. Clinton St., - CHICAGO.
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Does a general banking business, buys and sells exchange, bank and foreign, pays interest on time deposits, deals in county and school bonds, pays special attention to the payment of taxes for non-residents.

A complete set of abstracts of title of Thomas county kept in the bank. Office hours, 9 a. m. to 12 m.; 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.

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Lath, Shingles, Etc., Etc.

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Wines and Liquors for medical purposes.

All Medicines Guaranteed Pure and Fresh.

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Opposite Cat Office. - - Colby, Kansas.

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